SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

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P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, South Dakota's hardy frontiersmen brought to this productive state the nucleus of a great agricultural empire destined to play an important role in the economy of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the state's wide diversity of soil, climate and terrain have made it eminently adapted to agricultural pursuits; and

WHEREAS, this great heritage must be preserved and handed down for the enjoyment and use of future members of the human race; and

WHEREAS, conservation is the magic formula for the perpetuity and increasing abundance of agriculture, which is our basic source of wealth; and

WHEREAS, the necessity for more scientific methods of farming are multiplying with the march of time, making it an inescapable mandate for South Dakota's husbandmen to learn and adopt, as far as humanly possible, all the basic scientific facts connected with conservation to the end that they may exploit this fertile and resourceful land and cause it to produce in more abundant measure than ever before; and

WHEREAS, many factors enter into the process of a progressive and prosperous agriculture, including wildlife, which plays a vital role in the control of insects and other destructive parasitic forces; also other natural resources such as timber and wild grass, which in semi-arid sections must be preserved and, in many cases, reproduced following devastating drouths and holocausts; also natural streams and lakes which must be controlled and harnessed for the use and service of mankind instead of playing the role of sleeping giants that become uncontrollable agencies of destruction in periods of excessive rainfall and springtime thaws; and

WHEREAS, soil conservation practices and companion activities such as flood control and the conversion of great areas of wasteland into fertile fields and orchards perform an inestimable service to mankind;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby designate the week of September 24-29, 1951, inclusive, as

SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK

in South Dakota, and hereby memorialize all citizens in every far-flung corner of the state to cooperate in the various soil conservation and kindred programs during that period, to the end that we may all become conservation-conscious and deeply impressed with the vital necessity of preserving this priceless heritage for future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 5th day of September, 1951.

ATTEST:

Geraldine Ostroot
Secretary of State

Sigurd Anderson
Governor

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